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THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING as it stands presently before its 100th Anniversary celebration.



THE ALMOST COMPLETE Administration Building in the summer of 1910. Classes started October 1910 as construction on the building continued.



LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS TRY to put out the fire in the west wing of the Administration Building on July 24, 1979. The fire destroyed 60 percent of the building including the Deerwester Theater.



FORMER NORTHWEST PRESIDENT Dean Hubbard, Missouri Governor John Ashcroft and Missouri Commissioner for Higher Education Shaila Aery switched on the Electronic Campus on Aug. 18, 1987.

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## Administration building celebrates good, bad times

BY AMANDA CANNON  
Missourian Reporter

The Administration Building, which stands as a symbol of time and culture, is celebrating its 100th birthday today. The Administration Building is also being recognized for its addition to the National Registry of Historic Places.

The four-story brick building was constructed in the Tudor Gothic style and completed in 1910. The building's exterior, with its limestone and terra cotta accents, still remains a large, unchanged characteristic of the building since its completion.

It was once the sole academic building on campus. It housed classrooms, science labs, two gymnasiums and an auditorium.

In 1959, Golden Hall opened, which ended the Administration Building's use as the University's primary academic building.

The north wing of the Deerwester Theater was destroyed by a fire in 1979, which left damage to the north and west wings of the building.

"The Deerwester Theater was named just two weeks before it burned to the ground," Gina Bradley, the event coordinator for the University, said.

An electrical malfunction on the fourth floor started the fire. The fire then spread to the north wing, leaving nothing but an outline of where it once stood. It took several hours and fire departments from Maryville and surrounding areas to contain the fire which seriously damaged the building. The fire left some with injuries but none were life threatening.

The aftermath of the fire gave the University the opportunity to reconstruct the campus, which resulted in the construction of the B.D. Owens Library, the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts and renovations to other cam-

pus buildings.

"The campus wouldn't be the same without the rebirth of the Administration Building," Mark Hornickel, media relations specialist, said. "Many people thought the campus might shut down after the damage was done when the fire started. Sixty percent of the building was destroyed in the fire."

Many details went into planning the celebration for the 100 years the building has been in use, and also to recognize the placement on the registry.

"In preparation for the event Thursday, we went through files and found that the original celebration for the grand opening of the Administration Building was Oct. 7, 1910 at 10 a.m.," Hornickel said. "This is why the event for the 100 years will be Oct. 7 at 10 a.m., exactly 100 years ago."

Thomas Carneal, Emeriti faculty, history

and humanities department from 1968-2002, is speaking about the building being listed in the National Register of Historical Places. Carneal will also answer questions about what this means for the building.

"(Jason) Williamson, who did all the paper work for the proposal, is also speaking at the event," Bradley said. "Dr. Janice Brandon-Falcone is also speaking of how significant it is to have a student write the proposal."

Today the Administration Building stands tall housing Admissions, Career Services, the Graduate Office, Registrar's Office, Financial Assistance and other various administrative offices.

The Administration Building remains a symbol of the University's past and the workplace of those shaping its future. The building is a living archive of campus history, located in the heart of campus.

## Board of Higher Education to cut programs

BY TREY WILLIAMS  
News Editor

In the wake of a recession that left this nation clinging to its shoe-strings, Missouri colleges and universities are still trying to figure out ways to get back to the status quo and tie together the loose ends.

Earlier this week, David Russell, interim commissioner of higher education, visited Northwest for a forum open to students, faculty and staff. Nerves were on edge as Russell addressed the room and explained the current condition of the state's budget and his reason for visiting the University. Russell is currently on a fact-gathering mission, asking university officials 'what should I know' so when the time comes to face the 68 new house representatives and 10 or 12 new members in the senate, he can go bat for Missouri colleges and universities.

With the state looking to cut approximately \$900 million from the next fiscal year's budget, many Missouri universities are scrambling to find ways to save money in order to compensate for the deficit.

According to Russell, the Coordinating Board for Higher Education is currently reviewing 900 academic programs to determine what they can be cut.

University Provost Doug Dunham hopes that this is a trend that does not make itself prevalent at Northwest.

"There are only a handful of majors we will be cutting based on what I'm hearing," Dunham said. "I don't see cutting academic programs as a main resource for money."

Dunham relies on Northwest's preparedness to keep it from following in the footsteps of other universities.

"We do this review on a regular basis," Dunham said, referring to the Faculty Senate analyzing the current programs the University offers. "We do a very good job of monitoring those programs."

But with that being said, state funding is being cut and the University is currently looking at ways to save approximately \$4.7 million.

"We are exploring the possibility of tuition increase," Provost Dunham said. "We'll likely have to increase tuition to help off-set cuts."

The degree programs that end up on the chopping block will depend on the number of students it graduates. A degree program meets the requirement if it sees 10 students graduate for under-graduate programs and five for graduate programs.

According to Dunham, Northwest is currently exceeding that threshold. So in an attempt not to demolish some degree programs, and to continue seeing enrollments rise, the leadership committee is trying to find ways to work cooperatively with other universities across the state.

Dunham hopes to still offer programs so that students will continue to enroll in the University. In an effort to save money, those programs not producing as many graduates as others will work closely with other Missouri institutions to offer degree programs in their entirety.

"It's a challenging situation for us all," student regent Joe Barbosa said. "I trust Jeff City to do what's right for the school, and I hope here at Northwest we continue to focus on student success and producing quality graduates."



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DAVID RUSSELL, INTERIM Commissioner of higher education, addresses students, staff and faculty at the education forum.

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SIGMA SIGMA SIGMA member Madi Kettle gets pied by high school senior Austin Boyd outside the J.W. Jones Student Union on Wednesday. Tri-Sigma hosts an annual Pie-A-Sigma every October. Each pie is only a dollar, and money goes toward the Robbie Page Memorial Foundation to help children with long-term hospital care.

## Former music professor dies at age 74

BY EMILY DEMAREA  
Missourian Reporter

A recipient of the 1986 Missouri Chapter of the American Choral Directors Association's Luther-Spadye Award, Byron Mitchell was a talented individual. He died Sept. 15 from Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease-related complications.

"He was pretty quiet and low-key, but he was always smiling," Jeff Bradley, Geosciences instructor, said. "As quiet as he was, he always could get a lot out of the choir as far as performances. Everybody respected him a lot."

Bradley was a member of the choir under Mitchell's direction from 1984-88. In addition to directing the Tower Choir and University Chorale, Mitchell directed the Chancel Choir at Maryville First Unit-

ed Methodist Church.

"Drawing upon the memory of the church, he was very much loved and respected by church members and University community alike," pastor Scott Moon said. "He had standards of excellence and

was able to draw out beautiful music from the people he worked with."

Moon said that while Mitchell directed at the church, the Chancel Choir really grew in number.

"You have a lot of people with much larger personalities, and he was just on the other end of that spectrum," Bradley said. "But he obviously was the right man for the job during that time. He could not



Byron Mitchell

just tell us how it should sound - he would demonstrate it for us."

Bradley's wife, Gina, was also a student of Mitchell's from 1983-87.

"He has left a legacy of excellence as far as the music that the Tower Choir produces," Gina Bradley said.

Along with a few other of Mitchell's students, Gina Bradley is now the director of her own choir, the Bell Choir at First United Methodist.

Gina Bradley is involved in planning the memorial service of Mitchell.

"It's been kind of fun for me to help plan this memorial," she said. "He had some pretty crazy ties that he would wear and his wife, Fran, has brought a collection of them to display at the memorial."

The memorial service for Mitchell will take place at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 9 at the First United Methodist Church.

## Teachers consider competitive course

BY AUSTIN BUCKNER  
Managing Editor

Facilitators and department chairs continue the brainstorming process to create an inter-discipline, project-based capstone course to be offered next trimester.

This course will combine the talents of 24 students from the areas of marketing, public relations, interactive digital media, computer science, advertising, art and design.

"The whole idea of the course is to take all of those different disciplines, all of those different areas, and give students the opportunity to work in a creative team agency-like environment,"

David Shadiner, one of three University facilitators for the class, said. "Students will be

working on a promotional project for a real client."

Shadiner said course participants will work in a unique, competitive class environment.

"Students will be in competitive teams," Shadiner said. "They'll be working on the same project for the same client, and the students will all be competing to come up with the most effective, creative promotional solution they can for the client, in hopes that the client will actually use the work that's done in this class."

The idea for the course is the brainchild of Northwest alumnus Bill Price. After

graduating from Northwest in 1960, Price founded an advertising and marketing agency in Cincinnati called Empower, a company known for hiring employees directly out of college.

"What he (Price) has observed in hiring new graduates is that new graduates usually have a good knowledge of what they've studied," David Oehler, chair of the department of communication, theatre, and languages, said, "but they lack the perspective of what other people do in the agency."

At this point, the course will be offered as an independent study. Like other independent study courses, students will have to apply and be accepted to participate.

"To take the course, you have to be selected, which means anyone who wants to take this integrated capstone

agency course is going to have to apply to take it," Shadiner explained. "We're going to bring it (the application process) out and promote that in about two weeks. We should be doing that about the same time as registration for the courses opens up for the spring semester."

Interested students are encouraged to attend an informational session at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 14. A location for this session is unknown at this time, but an announcement is expected within the next week.

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## Annie's Project offers recognition

BY LESLIE NELSON  
Missourian Reporter

Farming used to be considered a man's job. That is quickly changing.

Annie's Project is a non-profit organization that works to encourage women to become more involved in farming. Women who take the course will learn risk management and business management skills.

Lani McKinney, coordinator for Annie's Project at Iowa State, believes that educating women on how to become more involved is important.

"Women are becoming more active in farming," McKinney said.

Starting Oct. 18, the Nodaway County Extension Center will be

offering a six-week class called Annie's Project.

Annie Fleck grew up in a small town in northern Illinois. She came from a farm background and always wanted to marry a farmer. She wanted to help out on the farm.

Randa Doty, Nodaway County's agriculture business specialist, explained that learning how to manage a farm was very important to Annie.

"She spent her lifetime learning how to be a better business partner," Doty said.

Annie kept records through the years and kept the farm running.

Annie's daughter, Ruth Hambleton, began Annie's Project to honor her mother's life.

"We teach women farm manage-

ment skills," said McKinney.

Annie's Project will be offered at Northwest Technical School in Maryville. It begins Oct. 18 and ends Nov. 29. The course costs \$50.

Now in 22 states, Annie's Project is rapidly growing.

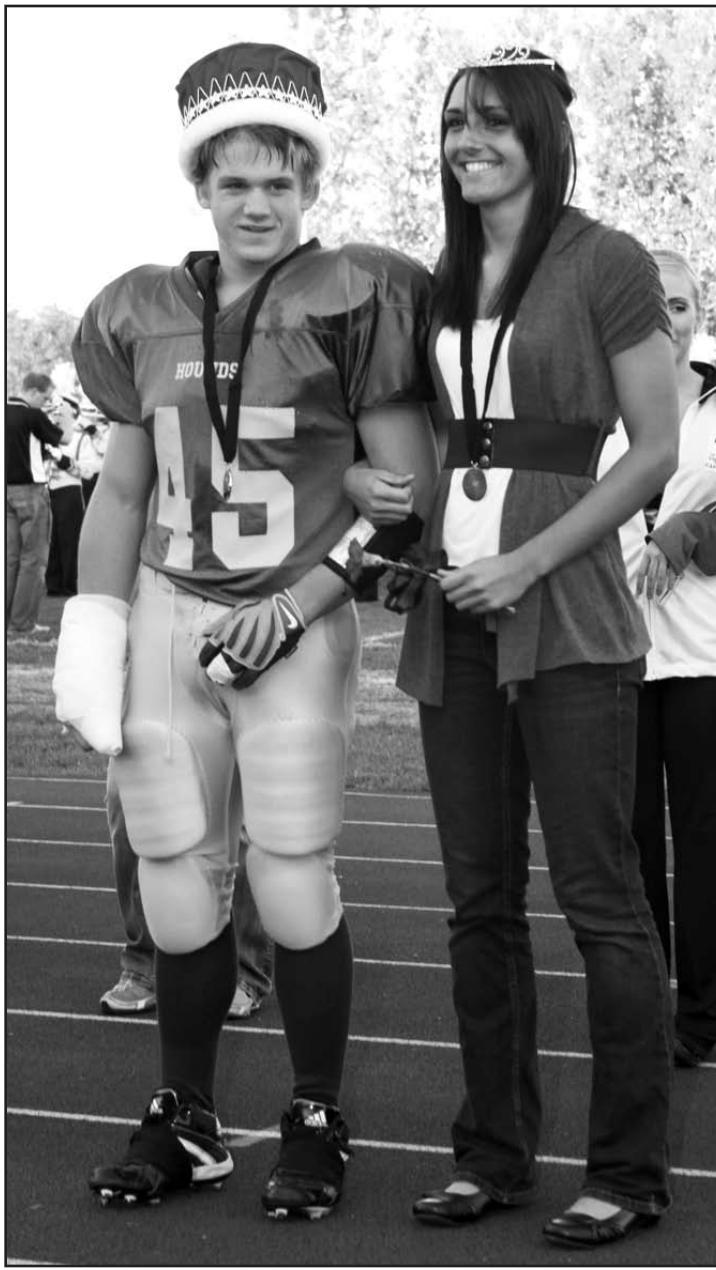
"When I started, we were at about 18 states," said McKinney. "They're getting people trained to teach Annie's Project in Idaho, Texas and New York."

So far, the project has been extremely successful.

"I've never run in to anyone who wasn't happy and willing to share their experiences," McKinney explained.

If interested contact the Nodaway County Extension Center.

## HOMECOMING ROYALTY



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SENIORS COLE DOUGAN and Taylor Gadbois stand before the crowd as Homecoming king and queen Friday. The awards were announced prior to the beginning of the football game. The celebratory week officially ended after the Homecoming dance Saturday night.

## Maryville to make further improvements

BY DAKOTA JONES  
Missourian Reporter

With the school year still fresh, the city of Maryville feels the need to freshen up as well. Sidewalks receive some tender, loving care while 16th Street will be completely over-hauled.

The Maryville City Council started the project Sept. 13 when they opened the bidding session for a construction outfit. The bid lasted 30 days and Loch Sand and Construction was the most qualified as well as the most cost effective.

The estimated cost of the project as a whole is \$875,000. Maryville's Department of Economic Development is

donating anywhere from \$320,000 to \$375,000 to the project. Polk Township is offering \$100,000. The remainder of the funds needed will be paid by the city itself.

The project is offering more than just a smoother road. Underground storm drainage systems are replacing the ditches, also an eight-inch layer of concrete will resurface the road to insure safety and reliability. Loch Construction estimates the first phase of the project will be completed by Thanksgiving.

"Phase one started Monday and will be the reconstruction from Country Club road to Village 'O' apartments," City Manager Matt LeCerf said.

LeCerf assures tenants of Village 'O'

Apartments and others who live on 16th Street that during construction they will be able to make it home easily. LeCerf believes that phase two could be completed as early as May.

"So far, so good. We've been having good luck with the weather and our crew," Loch Sand and Construction employee said. "This week we should have 400 feet of sewer drainage laid. Next week we have another crew coming in and we'll be starting on the other side for curb inlets and more drainage pipe. Everything's going great."

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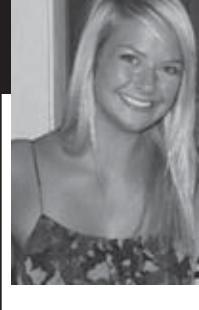
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OUR VIEW

# Our tradition of change

Northwest certainly has a long and illustrious history dating back to that well-known year, 1905. During the past 105 years, the Administration Building has grown and changed, with each addition or alteration reflecting the prosperity or decline of the town, nation and even the University itself. Even officially recognized by the National Register of Historic Places, the building solidifies its status as University staple.

Once housing a theater, the building has been adapted to fit a variety of needs. It was originally the center for classrooms, and students can still take

classes under its aged roof. It is very much a living structure.

Yet for as much activity that takes place in the building, it still remains a bit enigmatic to most students; Administration Building trivia is relished by informed students and a bit of a curiosity to the rest. Most students can grasp that President Jasinski works there and it houses the ticket counter, but its rich and storied history fades into urban legend.

To be sure, the doors are open to each of the many important offices. Student employees join the staff in promoting the accessibility of their

resources.

The anniversary celebrations today open doors, photo albums and minds to commemorate and educate all the wonderful nooks and crannies of the old building. In doing so, the Administration Building's past is honored and its present is acknowledged.

From the days when it stood among corn stalks, to the time a stray bullet hit honest Abe, to today as it stands as the epicenter for all things operational about Northwest, the building and its dynamic employees are due for a little celebration.



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## Fuel consumption standards place safety second

Increased talk of raising the Corporate Average Fuel Economy benchmark from 27.5 mpg to a staggering 62 mpg by 2025 is an end to jeopardous means. As Obama's approval ignited the debate, proponents and green-rights lobbyists prepare to compromise passenger safety for reduced fuel consumption.

Standing at the center of the atrocity is the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's CAFE standards, which set a miles per gallon figure that auto makers must meet, or face penalty fees.

The NHTSA's carte blanche edict hopelessly puts a designated fuel consumption figure as the overall goal, leaving automakers to find creative (risky) ways to reach them. BMW's Mini faces harsh litigation for widespread failure of its electric power-steering assembly. The mechanism adds 0.1 mpg over hydraulic steering, but eliminates tell-tale signs of failure found in hydraulic systems like whining and steering wheel play. Conversely, when the electric systems fail, they fail entirely and without warning.

Toyota's widely praised Prius was hailed as the poster child for environmental friendliness, but an actual lack in technological advancement made it more of a poseur child. Toyota's Hybrid Synergy Drive used multiple batteries and two motors to achieve an EPA estimated 50 mpg. However, a simple small displacement four-cylinder in the same aerodynamic shell unladen by the hefty batteries

could achieve similar results for a much cheaper price. Plus, the mess of battery disposal would be eliminated.

The Prius also pioneered low rolling resistance tires as standard equipment from



Philip Gruenwald  
Opinion Editor

an automobile. While providing less road friction and thereby increasing mpg figures, the skinny

185-series rubber was not wide enough or sticky enough to adequately carry the 3,000 lb car.

This carts before horses process simply will not be effective. Are we really considering running a battery-shackled car with an overstressed engine on hard, skinny tires with spastic steering components to eke out a few more miles per gallon?

Consider Lotus Engineering, who recently proposed a partnership with Toyota body-work, promising 38 percent less vehicle mass and a 23 percent reduction in fuel consumption for a mere three percent increase in cost production. A smaller engine is capable of moving less mass, thereby increasing overall efficiency.

Reducing our thirst for gasoline is a noble effort that can be celebrated by drivers, policy makers and manufacturers alike – if done with the appropriate perspective.

## CAMPUS TALK

### What's your favorite building on campus and why?



"The Fire Arts building because I'm an art major. I pretty much live there for ceramics."

Brianna Cochran

Art



"I like the Perrin-Hudson Complex because I work there. The staff is amazing."

Garrett Gassman,

Business management marketing and financial marketing



"I like Golden Hall because I'm a psych major and three of my classes are in there."

Lanay Turner

Psychology



"The Rec Center is where I go to get some stress relief, play some volleyball and basketball."

Paul Hartwell

Corporate Recreation



"Valk because that's where all the political and history classes are; I'm a history major so I know all the stuff going on there."

Tyler Gillette  
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## Let us pick ourselves off of the ground

A popular term many students live by today is, "Failure is not an option." There is a lot of truth in that statement. However, there is a serious problem in our society concerning failure.

Scholastic grades and achievements are drilled into us at an early age. Many parents and school officials tell us that failing grades or poor grades are unacceptable. Low grades are not a great thing, but does this necessarily mean that a student is not learning?

Learning is the primary goal of all educators, or should be. Grades are a way to measure what one has learned, but can be misleading. How many of you have memorized for a test and forgot the material after the test? This happens because of our drive to be the

best at any cost. This drive promotes cheating, poor study habits, and can take many hours away from a student who may be better served having quality times with friends or family.

The primary goal in every sporting event is to win, however, is winning everything? Many students try to cheat, and get extremely upset when they lose. It is as if their whole world just collapsed. This goes back to a lot of disturbing trends in America's youth.

Awards are given out for every place in a competed event. Why? It is believed that students need to feel good, and not feel like a loser. That is understandable, but what happened to just doing the best you can, and having fun? How will this student feel when they compete for a job and do not get it, or they got an 89.5 and don't get their grade rounded up. The student will be at a loss, because they have not had anything denied to them, or they have always received a prize.

I may be a dying breed of raised children, in which I was allowed to fail at things, and learn from them. In these failures, we see how we should or should not do things, or ways to improve. Thomas Edison said it best, even though he states he didn't fail. "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."

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## WHAT THE DEUCE

## Technology, Internet under fire again



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The Internet: where one percent of the users make the other 99 percent of us look bad.

Rutgers University (N.J.) student Tyler Clementi committed suicide shortly after his homosexual intimacy was exploited on the Internet by his insensitive roommate, who filmed it via his webcam remotely from another room.

Clementi left a 21st century suicide note in the form of a Facebook status update which read, "Jumping off the gw bridge sorry."

Pundits and reactionaries who cite rampant incidents of web harassment as justification for heavy Internet censorship, concentrate your efforts elsewhere. Perhaps run an awareness campaign in honor of cases such as Clementi's. The fault lies not in Clementi nor the openness of social media. Rather, Clementi's roommate is to blame. He acted irresponsibly, simply taking advantage of a technological perk. If this happened 30 years ago, he would have used a tape recorder instead.

Now, as similar cyberbullying ravages Internet users nationwide, Rutgers and other institutions respond by implementing intuitive privacy awareness programs. New Jersey's smart "Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights" is one example.

Clementi's tragic victimization aside, other cyberbullying is unavoidable. The trend of over self-exposure online is giving potential bullies the ammo they need to publicly humiliate at will. Until cyberbullying enforcement catches up to the crime, post less and avoid harassment.

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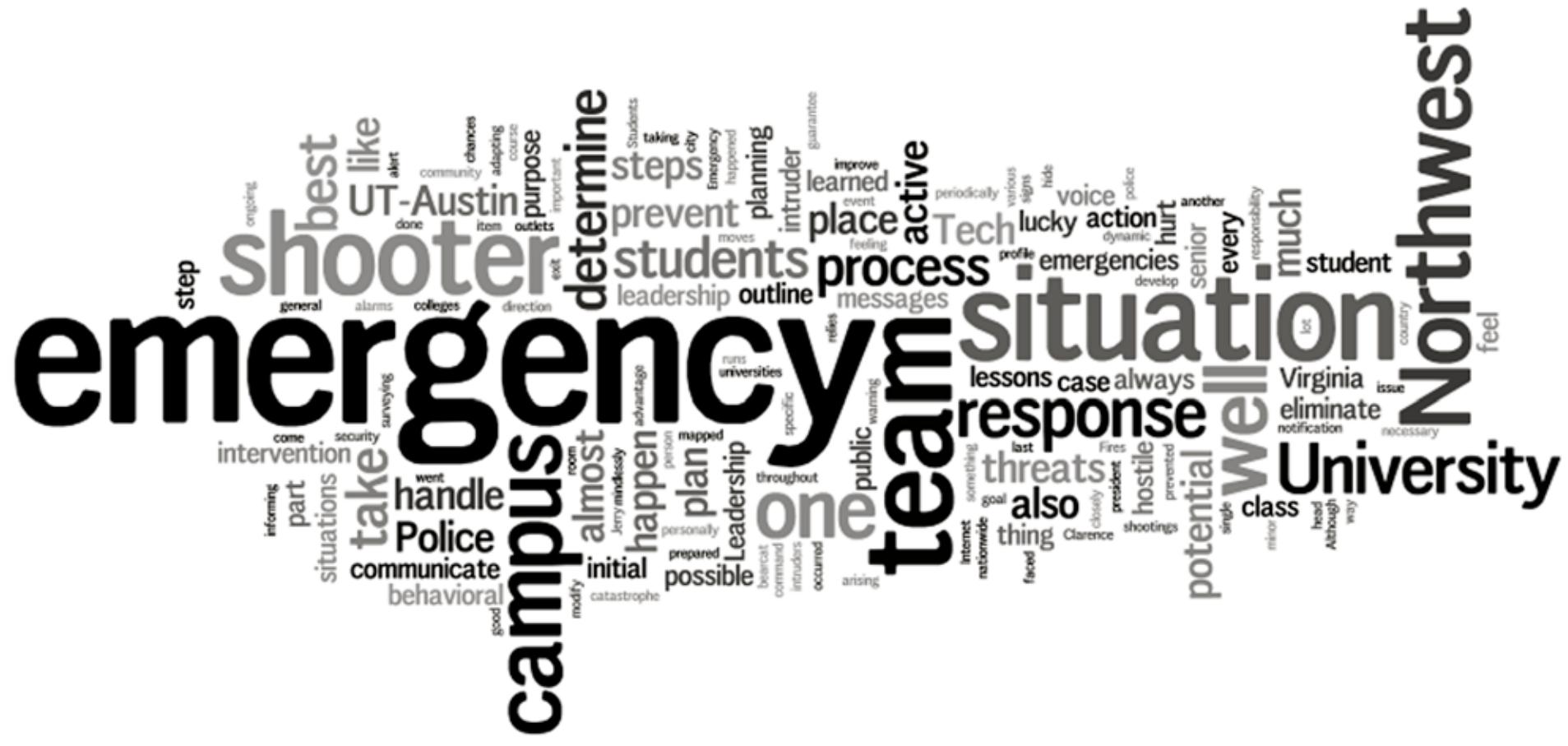
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## In the wake of yet another campus tragedy, Northwest leaders unite and ponder, "What if?"

BY CASSIE THOMAS  
Chief Reporter

Students trudge from class to class almost mindlessly, taking for granted their safety with every step. The thought of a shooter, an intruder or almost any other emergency hardly crosses the minds of students on their routine walks around campus. However, it only takes one event, one spark in the mind of a hostile person to bring about a situation that can take away that feeling of security in an instant.

Virginia Tech, as well as other shootings widely covered by the media, sparked a change in many colleges and universities. It became apparent that emergencies, including active shooters, can and do occur.

Northwest does not take situations such as Virginia Tech or the recent shooting at University of Texas-Austin lightly. University leadership and the Emergency Response Team use situations like these to learn from and improve Northwest's response plan.

As the Emergency Management coordinator, Jerry Wilmes has worked closely with Clarence Green, Director of University Police, as well as the Northwest Leadership Team and President Jasinski to develop a general outline of how Northwest would handle an emergency.

"Since Virginia Tech, a lot of things happened, not only at Northwest, but at campuses throughout the country in terms of how they deal with this," Wilmes said.

The creation of this plan is not a one time event, but rather an ongoing process. It consists of adapting plans to ensure that the situation is fully evaluated and that the best possible solution is implemented in the event of an emergency.

"It's a dynamic process, because as our society moves along, we adapt to modify that," Wilmes said.

Planning for an emergency such as an active shooter is completely different than planning for natural disasters, or other somewhat predictable situations. The challenge is that there is no set outline, no set response. There are many possible scenarios, with many different solutions based on the situation.

It is impossible to predict the location a potential shooter will choose. The setting of the shooting could be an enclosed classroom or an outdoor area. There is no way to predict the number of victims, how many people will be directly affected or whether they will have a possible escape. There are many unpredictable factors that there cannot be one set plan that will work in every situation.

"Fires and tornadoes, no one wants

those to happen, but it's easy to outline what you should do," Wilmes said. "With an active shooter or a hostile intruder, it really depends on where they're at."

The biggest part of emergency planning is doing as much as possible to stop dangerous situations from arising on campus. Northwest has a behavioral intervention team in place for the main purpose of dealing with potential threats. The current plan is to work with students to eliminate any possibility of a hostile situation by monitoring warning signs.

"In the case of Virginia Tech, and most of the other high profile shootings, there is almost always information that something is going to happen," Wilmes said.

As well as trying to remove threats, the Emergency Response Team periodically runs active shooter drills with senior leadership present. Most recently, a drill was run in the food court area of the student union during the spring semester.

Should an emergency happen on campus, the University police would be the initial incident command. The emergency response team would convene and communicate with the Northwest Leadership Team and other faculty about the next steps.

Beyond determining the specific plan of action, another important factor is notifying the public of the emergency and informing students and community members about how they should handle the situation.

"We have notification systems – right now we don't have what UT-Austin has, but we're working on that with the city," Wilmes said. "We would have a voice alarm that can say outdoors there is a shooter on campus, take cover, or don't come on campus. What we do have is indoor alarms that can give voice messages and we also have Bearcat Alert, and we issue messages that way."

Another means of communication the University may take advantage of are the various social media and Internet outlets already utilized by the University as well as many of the students.

In 2007, the nightmares came true. An active shooter visited Northwest's campus and began firing shots in the air.

Although no one was harmed in 2007, there were lessons to be learned from the situation.

"We believe that in every single – whether it's major or minor – emergency, there are always lessons to be learned," Wilmes said.

The University Police, as well as the Emergency Response Team, take part in a "hot wash" after any emergency situation. The purpose of this is to determine what

went well, what did not go well and what can be done to improve.

As much as the situation relies on direction from senior leadership, University Police and the Emergency Response Team, students are likely to be the first on the scene and the first affected. Because of this, students also have a hand in the process of handling emergency situations.

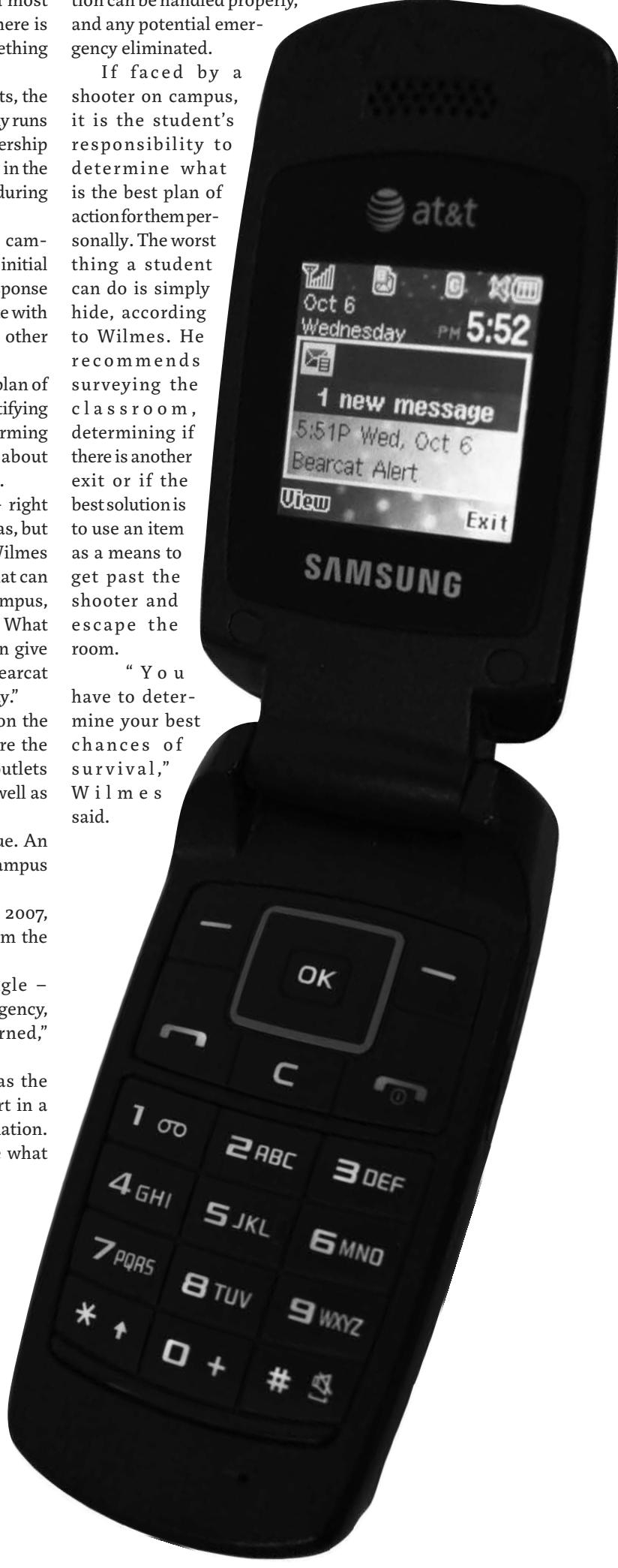
Should students have a concern about a potential threat, they should inform Matt Baker, head of the behavioral intervention team, or University Police so the situation can be handled properly, and any potential emergency eliminated.

If faced by a shooter on campus, it is the student's responsibility to determine what is the best plan of action for them personally. The worst thing a student can do is simply hide, according to Wilmes. He recommends surveying the classroom, determining if there is another exit or if the best solution is to use an item as a means to get past the shooter and escape the room.

"You have to determine your best chances of survival," Wilmes said.

**6** Fires and tornadoes, no one wants those to happen, but it's easy to outline what you should do. With an active shooter or a hostile intruder, it really depends on where they're at.

Jerry Wilmes  
Emergency Management coordinator



## MEC positioning at stake

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

Just what Maryville needed right before district play is set to begin next week: the Savannah rivalry.

With the Savages set to make the trek up U.S. Highway-71 Friday to kick off week seven action, head coach Chris Holt and the 'Hounds are preparing for another tough Midland Empire Conference test.

"It's obviously a big rivalry game for us," Holt said. "Just a lot on the line in this game as far as conference standings and stuff. We definitely have to have our best game."

Following last week's 34-21 handling of formerly undefeated Benton, the 'Hounds have rattled off five straight wins and only looking to improve on that this week against Savannah who boasts a formidable defense and productive

offense.

"They play nasty on defense," Holt said. "They're a very aggressive football team. They did a good job against us defensively last year. They're an option football team on offense, but they do throw the ball, a lot. They're quarterback was First Team All-Conference last year as a junior, so we get to see the two best quarterbacks in the conference back-to-back."

Confidence has not been an issue with this year's squad following their week one debacle at Lawson.

"I think there is plenty of confidence," Holt said. "We weren't real happy with the way we played the first half, defensively. I think the kids feel like they have something to prove there with a good quarterback coming to town, once again."

The 'Hounds kick off tomorrow at 7 p.m. at Maryville High School with their undefeated MEC record on the line.



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SENIOR RUNNING BACK Gavin Talmadge guides his blocker as he patiently prepares to bounce the ball outside. Talmadge racked up 162 yards rushing and two touchdowns in the 'Hounds' 34-21 victory over Benton. Maryville now looks towards the Hwy. 71 Showdown game against Savannah Friday.

## BOYS' SOCCER



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SOPHOMORE DEFENDER ANDREW Wiederholt dribbles down field in the Spoofhounds 7-3 win over Benton on Monday. The 'Hounds take on Savannah at 4 p.m. today at Donaldson Westside Park.

## TANNER: Mascot handles life-long challenges

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Children's Mercy, we were there for a week or 10 days before surgery."

In the days following his first surgery, Tanner was fed through a feeding tube. He even managed to pull the vital food supply-line from his body, forcing his parents to insert the critical tube back in place.

At five and a half weeks old, Tanner went through his first of two surgeries, spent 13 days in intensive care, and hospitalized for a total of three weeks and slipped into cardiac arrest. He flat lined three times in as many days removed from surgery with his parents—Rob and Carrie, who run the American Family Insurance business in town—by his side the whole time.

Sidelined for his entire life with his condition, Tanner will be the first to admit it has come with its surprises.

"I'm not the only one who has this," Tanner said. "The doctor was surprised, they thought at 13 I was going to need another surgery, but I'm 17 right now

and it's been since, I've had my last surgery at four years old, somewhere around there, and I still haven't had surgery since."

Since his freshman year, Tanner has been the heart and soul of Spoofy. He approached Maryville athletic director, Paul Snow, to assume the role of Spoofy

"The kids love it," Snow said. "Our student body treats him just like he's one of the team, type of thing, even though he's in a mascot uniform. He's part of everything. Tanner has really come out of his shell. When he's in that costume he gets the crowd pumped up, he gets out in front of people that you don't think he normally would, he approaches little kids and little kids approach him now."

The iconic hound that represents decades of Maryville pride has become more than just an occasional public appearance for Tanner at sporting events and local benefits—it has become a responsibility.

While the football players prepare

each week for another opponent, Tanner spends his time working through his hand gestures, motions and routines to perform in front of the packed stadium stands, according to his father.

Living life, in the condition he has, Tanner is still able to find the positive light, not only for himself, but for others around him, who may also be in a difficult situation.

"Try some new things," Tanner said. "If you can't do it, just try some other stuff that you can do."

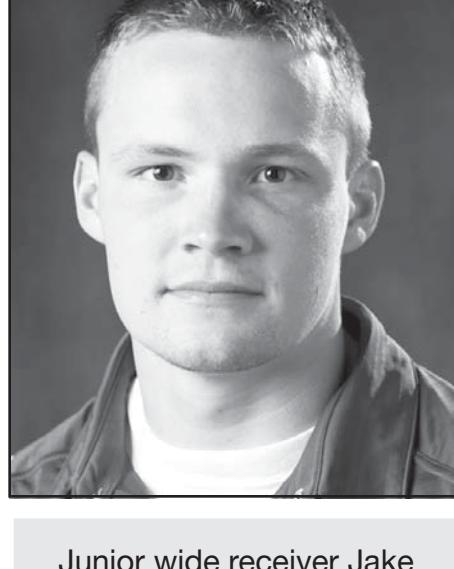
Through it all, condition or not, Tanner is used to being held to the same standards as anyone else who passes through the halls of Maryville from an academic level and citizenship code adhered to by athletes, to the household standards set by his parents.

"As a mom, the big thing for us is that we don't allow it to be crutch," Carrie said. "It's not an excuse, you were born with it, it sucks, but everybody has something in their life that sucks. Choke it down, and keep going."

# ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

## BEARCATS

### Jake Soy



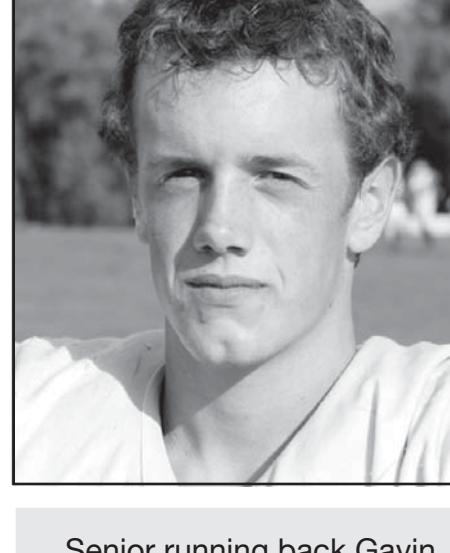
Junior wide receiver Jake Soy hauled in nine passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns. It was Soy's second 100-yard receiving game this year.

### Laira Akin



Sophomore setter Laira Akin led the Bearcats with 31 assists against Nebraska-Omaha, Tuesday night. It was the 'Cats third consecutive victory of the season.

### Gavin Talmadge



Senior running back Gavin Talmadge rushed for 162 yards and collected two touchdowns against the previously undefeated Benton Cardinals.

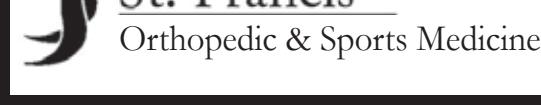
### Holly Wilmeth



Junior Holly Wilmeth pitched seven innings of unearned-ball last Thursday at North Platte. She added five strikeouts on the night and surrendered three hits.

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# BEARCATS

## Squad searching for wins

BY BRYCE MERENESS  
Missourian Reporter

The Northwest women's soccer team continued its struggles last week. The Bearcats' losing streak now stands at four games.

The 'Cats have reached the halfway point of the conference season, and have only one victory.

The Mavericks got on the board early. Freshman defender Jordan Braun redirected a corner kick from junior Hilary Horvatic in the 17th minute. The Mavs scored again in the 37th minute. Sophomore forward Bri Exstrom headed a cross by junior midfielder Hayley Renshaw off the underside of the crossbar and into the net. Junior defender Maggie Olson would get the final tally in the 54th minute on a cross by freshman midfielder Megan Kings-ton.

On Saturday the 'Cats jumped out to an early lead on Missouri Southern. Amanda

Bundrant netted her first goal of the year in the 14th minute. Two goals by junior forward Michele Dimza before halftime would put the Lions ahead for good.

Northwest had its chance in the final minutes as Missouri Southern conceded six free kicks and two shots on goal, but the Lions survived the onslaught with a clearance from the box with five seconds remaining.

"We want them to play with intensity and attack," coach Tracy Hoza said. "We could sustain (the pressure) a little more, but in the last five, 10 minutes you want them to go put more pressure on them."

The 'Cats have a bye, today giving them an extra practice to prepare for a visit from Truman State at 2 p.m. Saturday.

"We can figure out some other things here and try to work on making the players better," Hoza said. "We just need to play the right pass at the right time and that is the difference between scoring and not scoring."



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SENIOR FORWARD KELSEY Sanders attempts to slip past a Washburn defender Thursday, Sept. 23, at Bearcat Pitch. The 'Cats are in the midst of a four-game losing streak, but look to snap that against Truman Saturday at home.

## Lowell continues strong play, team falls short on final day

BY JASON LAWRENCE  
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcats went into Omaha on a three match winning streak, but left with only a fourth place finish to show for its efforts.

"That's the best performance we've had score-wise at the UNO Tournament," head coach Pat McLaughlin said. "The competition at that tournament was against three nationally ranked teams. Even though we may not have played to our full potential, we felt like we played well enough to definitely compete with the other teams in our conference."

Freshman Cassie Lowell, coming off back-to-back medalists, led the way for Northwest, finishing 13-over par in fourth place.

"What more can you say about a young girl that comes in and is in the top five of every single tournament the girl has played in?" McLaughlin said. "I think she's been a real spark to the entire team."

Senior Jessica Feuerbach shot a career-best 6-over par on Tuesday en route to a sixth place finish.

The 'Cats were coming off a win in the Ottawa Invitational where Lowell took medalist honors with a program best 154 over 36 holes. She has finished in the top five in each of her collegiate matches.

"These girls were able to go out and do some things as a team and individually that we've never been able to accomplish," McLaughlin said. "It was amazing."

The win gave Northwest three in a row, one more than the program had all together in its previous three years. The team shot a two-day 642, setting a new program record.

"We're not a surprise anymore to these other teams," McLaughlin said. "We've made substantial improvements, and because of those improvements, we're not going to sneak up on anyone anymore. They know that we can play competitive team golf."

The Bearcats won by 20 strokes and shot a program record 320 on the second day of the tournament.

Senior Erin Luchel shot 156 to place a career-best second, including a collegiate-low 76 in the second round. Fuerbach finished tied for fourth.

Northwest will host its only home match of the fall season, the Bearcat Fall Classic, today and tomorrow at Mozingo Lake Golf Course.

"We're playing some very good teams again," McLaughlin said. "Missouri Western will be there, UNO will be there and Rockhurst will be there. Our hope is that we're competitive with those Division II teams and protect our home turf."

The team will finish up its spring season at the Avila Tournament on Monday and Tuesday.

"It's a long offseason for us," McLaughlin said. "Of course, we play in the spring too, so we'd like to go out on a winning note as we head toward that long winter offseason."

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### Missouri Southern



**WHEN THE 'CATS PASS:**  
Bearcat quarterbacks have not thrown an interception in this series since 2004.

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**WHEN THE 'CATS RUN:**  
The 'Cats could struggle with a thin depth chart this week. Still, 'Cats come to play.

**EDGE>>>'CATS**Jake Soy  
Wide Receiver

**11** We just got to keep in mind our goal is get where we have been in the past few years. To do that we have to take care of things week-by-week, no matter where it's at.

-- Soy

Chad Kilgore  
Linebacker

**WHEN THE LIONS PASS:**  
After last week's grounding of Western's passing game, Mo. So. will experience that same fate.

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**WHEN THE LIONS RUN:**  
Make that 67 games while only allowing just six 100-yard rushers.

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"You can't say 'oh, well they're not as good as Missouri Western.' You just got to act like they are Missouri Western, take that into practice. We're not going to get any better practicing (while taking them lightly)."

-- Kilgore

**SPECIAL TEAMS:**  
The 'Cats' team speed will be the key in shutting down the Lions 17.1 yards per punt return. Also, senior punter Michael Stadler will be a vital role in the game's field position battle.

**EDGE>>>'CATS**Mel Tjeerdsma  
Head Coach

**11** "Individually, we have to get better at (eliminating penalties). That's not a team thing, those are individual things. We call those 'T-N-T's': takes no talent. It doesn't take any talent to line up and not jump offsides." -- Tjeerdsma



## Maryville student refuses to be sidelined

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

He was not the receiver streaking downfield to haul in the game winning touchdown pass in the district championship game. He was not the one sent to the line with seconds left on the clock to net the game winning free throws. He has never been the one with the bat in his hands with the game winning run only 90 feet away. However, that has not stop him from leaving his mark on Maryville athletics.

Diagnosed with Truncus arteriosus, a condition that presented Tanner Sparks with one functioning atrium as well as a fused aorta and pulmonary

artery at birth, left the Maryville junior unable to participate in athletics and activities some take for granted on a daily basis. On any Friday night or home basketball game, Tanner can be seen wearing a slightly different uniform from the rest: Maryville's mascot, Spoofy.

At only 17 years old, Tanner has enough adversity on his plate to serve most others for a lifetime. He has endured hours of surgeries, battled speech impediments and even nightly homework has presented its share of struggles. With that aside, some of Tanner's toughest struggles to date may have occurred before he could even crawl.

"When he was born, we didn't

LORI FRANKENFIELD | PHOTOGRAPHY EDITOR  
JUNIOR TANNER SPARKS, as Spoofy, brandishes the school's colors following a Spoofhound touchdown last Friday.

know anything was wrong until I think he was two weeks old," Rob Sparks, Tanner's father, said. "They sent us to Children's Mercy, he had a heart murmur. We were in there for eight hours the first day and they came back and explained to us what all was wrong. Part of it was we thought he was a good baby because he slept for 17 hours a day, which is unheard of. But, other than that you wouldn't have known anything. Then when we got to

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SENIOR LINEBACKER WILLIE Horn battles with Missouri Western running back Michael Hill late in Saturday's blowout. The 'Cats held the Griffons to 48 yards rushing en route to their 42-0 victory. The game marked the first Missouri Western shut-out in the rivalry's history.

## Soy, team rolling through MIAA

BY TONY BOTTS  
Sports Editor

The Bearcats have eliminated another competitor in the running for sole possession and control of the always competitive MIAA conference this last weekend, knocking off, then No. 8, Missouri Western. What awaits the team Saturday may not bring the anticipated hype that the Griffons strolled off the buses with in week five, but still finds themselves on the radar of the defending champs.

"This will be a good test for us," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We're going to have to be

ready to play. Last time we were at Southern, two years ago, we were down 14-3 at halftime."

Missouri Southern is the owner of the second best defense in the MIAA in terms of yards allowed per contest, surrendering 279.2 yards a game. The Lions are second to none-other-than Northwest's defensive coordinator Scott Bostwick's defensive unit, which is only allowing 267.8 yards to opponents per game.

"They're not a bad football team right now," Tjeerdsma said. "Unfortunately, two of their three losses were in the last seconds of the game."

After already losing Redshirt freshmen Quincy Williams, the 'Cats will also be without sophomore running back Billy Creasen for a substantial amount of time due to an injury suffered in this past weekend's game, forcing Tjeerdsma to resort to using backup junior quarterback Blake Christopher at running back for six carries in the fourth quarter.

A win Saturday would tie the 'Cats with a program and MIAA record for 41 consecutive conference victories.

The 'Cats and Lions are set to clash at 6 p.m. Saturday in Joplin, Mo.